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3 By Senators Coleman, Irons, Dunn, and Figures  
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8 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL  
9 WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

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11 WHEREAS, in 1987, Congress declared March "Women's  
12 History Month" to acknowledge the important role women have  
13 played in shaping America; and

14 WHEREAS, although women constitute a majority of the  
15 nation's population, their achievements and contributions are  
16 underrepresented in museums and memorials; and

17 WHEREAS, only 10 percent of the people identified in  
18 a recent survey of 18 history textbooks were women; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1999, the President's Commission on the  
20 Celebration of Women in American History called for a women's  
21 history museum to be established on The National Mall in  
22 Washington, D.C.; and

23 WHEREAS, the National Women's History Museum (NWHM),  
24 founded in 1996, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, educational  
25 institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and  
26 celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women and

integrating the heritage of women fully into this nation's history; and

WHEREAS, the NWHM seeks a site on or close to the National Mall and in close proximity to the White House and the United States Capitol; and

WHEREAS, the NWHM has identified federally owned property for sale near the National Mall; and

WHEREAS, legislation is currently pending in Congress seeking authorization for the NWHM to purchase this property at fair market value with privately raised funds; and no federal funds are being requested for the purchase of this land; and

WHEREAS, there are museums dedicated to flight, postage stamps, buildings, and many other important people and issues of interest but not to women, and yet, women comprise 51 percent of the nation's population; and

WHEREAS, the NWHM will showcase the full history of women in the United States and the contributions they have made and continue to make in the marketplace, arts and sciences, government, entertainment, education, home, and community; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of 43 women's organizations representing 8 million women, which includes the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL), supports the efforts of the NWHM to establish a permanent residence near the National Mall, the most prominent location for museums, to be situated in the Nation's Capital; Now therefore,

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That, by copy of this resolution,  
3 we hereby express our support for the NWHM's efforts to secure  
4 a permanent home in the Nation's Capital for a museum that  
5 will highlight the important role women have played in shaping  
6 this great nation.

7                   RESOLVED FURTHER, That a copy of this resolution be  
8 made available for each member of the Alabama Congressional  
9 Delegation.